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FROM SECRETARY

Request you seek early opportunity express to President and Formin my personal gratification and that of USG to see Bolivia, in face serious threat to peace and security of hemisphere, put aside a national grievance and take its place in COAS to work collectively with sister republics in meeting common danger. This clear indication Bolivia's dedication to inter-American system. Also express to them my deep personal gratitude and admiration for courageous stand taken by Amb Sarmiento who, after repeated unsuccessful efforts establish contact with his Fonoff to obtain instructions, personally assumed responsibility cast Bolivia's vote with overwhelming majority American Governments. In light his difficult situation he understandably abstained in individual voting on para 2.

(FYI I trust Sarmiento's action will meet with full backing GOB and he will not suffer personally for having acted courageously without instructions on a matter in which hemisphere clearly united. END FYI)

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